

Number the Stars

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Jewish Faith - Background

- Jewish faith
 - Believe in one God
 - Believe God created the universe
 - Follow the Ten Commandments
 - Holy book - Torah (Old Testament)
 - Special Holy Days

Jewish Faith

- Rosh Hashana
 - Jewish New Year
 - Falls in September
 - A time to reflect on your actions in the previous year
 - A shofar is played
 - Ram's horn
 - Call to Spiritual Reawakening





Jewish History

- Faced prejudice and persecution
 - Roman Empire
 - Jews banned from holy city of Jerusalem
 - Crusaders
 - Massacred Jews in Germany
 - Spain (1492)
 - Jews driven from Spain

Jewish History

- People often criticized Jewish beliefs.
- Some people viewed Jews as a *different race*.
- In Germany, Adolf Hitler used these myths to create hatred toward the Jews.
- Dehumanization and hatred lead to killing of the Jews (holocaust).

Jewish History

- World War II
- Germany
 - Fought to control all of Europe
 - Wanted to kill all Jews in Europe
 - Invaded many countries including Denmark